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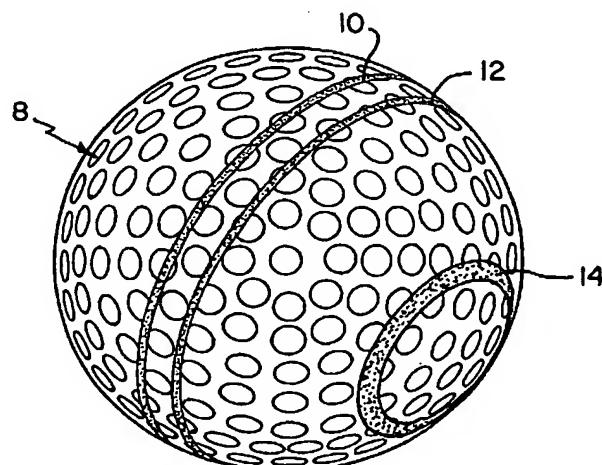
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(54) Title: **GOLF BALL MARKING SYSTEM**



(57) Abstract: In accordance with the invention, a golf ball (8) is marked with two equatorial o-rings (10,12) adjacent an equator of the ball and equally spaced therefrom, which are in a golfer's full view of the top side of the ball (8) when the ball (8) is accurately aligned to its desired initial starting line and a golfer is properly positioned to putt. The polar regions of the ball are also imprinted with a pattern which is essentially invisible to the golfer when properly positioned to putt. When the ball is aligned to a particular starting direction, and properly struck precisely and squarely and rolls purely in that starting direction, the equatorial o-rings (14) will roll without wobble, and the polar o-rings (14) will remain essentially invisible to the golfer. But when side spin is imparted to the ball at impact, the equatorial o-rings (circumferential lines) (14) will appear to wobble as the ball (8) rolls, and the polar o-rings (14) will become periodically visible and emphasize the appearance of wobble.

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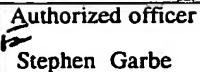
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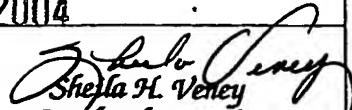
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